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A. A. A. Amendments

On July 23 the Senate passed the amendments to the Agricultural Adjustment Act by a vote of 64 to 15. The bill now goes to the Conference Committee of the House and Senate. A great many changes were made by the Senate in the bill as it had previously been passed by the House, and these changes will be considered by the House and Senate conferees.

As the bill H. R. 8492 was passed by the House, fruits and vegetables for canning were excluded from the mandatory "orders" provisions. As passed by the Senate, the same exemptions were included with the exception of olives and asparagus which were replaced under the control of the Secretary of Agriculture.

Hearings on Copeland Bill

The Copeland bill (S. 5), revising the Food and Drug law, was passed by the Senate on May 28th and transmitted to the House where it was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

On July 22nd hearings before this Committee were begun and continued during the week. Most of the time thus far has been devoted to explanations of the provisions of the bill by Mr. W. G. Campbell, Chief of the Food and Drug Administration.

Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act

On July 23rd Mrs. Jenckes, representative from Indiana, introduced H. R. 8941, a bill to prevent the adulteration, misbranding, and false advertising of food, drugs, and cosmetics. This bill follows in substantial form the provisions of the Copeland bill insofar as it relates to foods but differs in many respects with reference to drugs, cosmetics, and advertising.

It was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce which is conducting hearings on S. 5 and other bills revising the Food and Drugs Act.

Investigation of Farm Products Industries

Following passage by the Senate of S. J. Res. 9, on February 25th, it was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce in the House. On July 23rd the Committee reported the bill favorably, and it is expected to come up for early consideration in the House.

This resolution, analyzed in the issue of this Letter for March 2nd, 1935, authorizes the Federal Trade Commission "to make an investigation with respect to agricultural income and the financial and economic condition of agricultural producers generally."

In addition to investigation of the decline in agricultural income, the resolution authorizes the Federal Trade Commission to investigate "the extent of the increases or decreases in recent years in the income of principal corporations engaged in the sale, manufacturing, warehousing, and/or processing of the principal farm products," and "the financial position of the principal corporations engaged in the manufacturing, processing, warehousing, distribution, and marketing of the representative major products manufactured from such principal farm products."

Florida Excise Tax for Citrus Advertising

The Florida legislature recently enacted legislation providing that until July 1, 1937, citrus fruit produced in the State is subject to an excise tax per packed box, equivalent 1% bushels, as follows: Oranges, 1¢; Grapefruit, 3¢; Tangerines, 5¢.

The advertising levy is upon the fruit produced by the grower. The shipper or first handler, however, is made responsible for collection of the tax and must remit to the Commission on all fruit handled whether or not he has collected the tax from the producer. The tax is applied on citrus moved in interstate or intrastate commerce and includes sales to canneries.

Navy Seeks Bids on Canned Foods

The Navy Department has given notice of proposed purchases of canned food for delivery at various East and West Coast points. Applications to bid should give the schedule number, material, and the date of opening, and be mailed to the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, Navy Department, Washington, D. C. The following list gives the items, the opening date, and the schedule number.

Corn, Sept. 17.....	Schedule 5602
Prunes, Sept. 10.....	Schedule 5603
Beans (string), Sept. 3.....	Schedule 5604
Tomatoes, Sept. 24.....	Schedule 5605
Beets, Sept. 24.....	Schedule 5606

Crop Conditions

District	Week ended July 16, 1935		Week ended July 23, 1935		Week ended July 24, 1934	
	Temp.	Rain	Temp.	Rain	Temp.	Rain
Maine	74	.1	72	.0	71	.1
Western New York.....	76	1.6	77	.3	73	.5
Tri-States	81	.7	81	2.0	83	.0
South Central Ohio.....	78	.0	80	.3	84	.0
Central Indiana	77	.1	79	.3	87	.0
Central Illinois	76	.0	79	.9	87	.0
Northern Illinois, Southern Wisconsin...	72	.8	79	.1	83	.8
Southern Minnesota	76	1.0	83	.1	85	.1
Northern Colorado	73	.7	73	.2	80	.1
Northern Utah	82	.0	79	.0	79	.4
Northwestern Washington	70	.0	69	.0	63	.2
Southeastern Washington	80	.0	80	.0	68	.1

Temperatures in Pea Canning Districts

..... 1934

———— 1935

New York



Wisconsin



Condition of Canning Crops

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics on July 26th issued the following report showing the condition of green peas, snap beans, lima beans, beets, sweet corn, tomatoes, cabbage for kraut, and cucumbers for pickles, as of July 15th with comparisons.

State	Green Peas				Snap Beans		
	July 15, 1932	July 15, 1933	July 15, 1934	July 15, 1935	8-yr. av. July 15, 1926-1933	July 15, 1934	July 15, 1935
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Maine	80	98	95	90	84	86	80
New York	45	57	41	71	82	86	86
Pennsylvania	63	79	88	88	69	62	68
Ohio	46	40	32	88	..	..	..
Indiana	62	36	34	98	62	72	82
Illinois	81	44	22	60	..	..	..
Michigan	32	68	60	80	80	80	80
Wisconsin	36	56	54	63	82	87	76
Minnesota	69	52	33	96	..	..	..
Delaware	25	90	99	98	73	61	81
Maryland	39	79	97	98	70	54	70
Virginia .....	..	..	..	110	..	..	..
South Carolina .....	..	..	..	..	* 41	70	59
Tennessee .....	..	..	..	..	67	70	78
Mississippi .....	..	..	..	..	* 46	80	99
Arkansas .....	..	..	..	..	57	20	51
Louisiana .....	..	..	..	..	* 60	75	74
Montana	100	69	76	83	..	..	..
Colorado	60	85	95	85	* 86	84	89
Utah	90	81	80	100	89	83	85
Washington	90	100	74	84	* 90	90	90
Oregon .....	..	..	..	78	87	92	92
California .....	..	..	..	..	* 85	95	95
Other States a	72	79	70	81	67	65	69

U. S. Average.... 48.9 59.9 54.3 76.9 74.1 70.5 78.4

a For green peas "Other States" include: California, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Oregon, Tennessee, Virginia, and Wyoming. For snap beans "Other States" include: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, Vermont, Virginia and Wyoming.

* Less than 8-year average.

State	Lima Beans			Beets		
	4-yr. av. July 15, 1930-1933	July 15, 1934	July 15, 1935	4-yr. av. July 15, 1930-1933	July 15, 1934	July 15, 1935
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
New York .....	..	..	..	82	76	77
New Jersey	84	80	80	81	77	80
Indiana .....	..	..	..	81	50	72
Michigan	* 72	82	80	74	65	80
Wisconsin .....	..	..	..	70	70	86
Delaware	85	81	80	..	..	..
Maryland	82	81	76	..	..	..
Virginia	82	85	85	..	..	..
Oregon .....	..	..	..	82	85	75
Other States a	76	83	75	85	79	75

U. S. Average 80.4 82.1 80.0 79.6 72.8 79.6

a "Other States" for lima beans include: Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Washington, and Wisconsin. "Other States" for beets include: Colorado, Delaware, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, and Washington.

* Short time average.

State	Sweet Corn			Tomatoes		
	8-yr. av. July 15, 1926-1933	July 15, 1934	July 15, 1935	8-yr. av. July 15, 1926-1933	July 15, 1934	July 15, 1935
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Maine	84	85	86	..	..	..
New Hampshire	* 85	80	86	..	..	..
Vermont	82	85	73	..	..	..
New York	80	89	88	85	84	93
New Jersey .....	..	..	..	80	84	88
Pennsylvania	77	75	79	83	90	85
Ohio	70	72	80	85	82	92
Indiana	79	85	80	80	88	83
Illinois	85	82	86	80	76	85
Michigan	80	70	85	83	76	86
Wisconsin	77	82	75	..	..	..
Minnesota	87	80	85	..	..	..
Iowa	86	79	84	86	78	84
Nebraska	87	55	80	..	..	..
Missouri .....	..	..	..	72	52	70
Delaware	79	82	85	80	85	82
Maryland	80	74	83	80	85	89
Virginia .....	..	..	..	74	76	90
Kentucky .....	..	..	..	74	85	83
Tennessee	* 90	90	85	73	73	76
Arkansas .....	..	..	..	71	50	62
Colorado .....	..	..	..	87	95	88
Utah .....	..	..	..	81	71	71
California .....	..	..	..	* 87	90	90
Other States a	81	80	82	74	65	72
U. S. Average	81.6	79.9	83.5	80.3	80.1	83.5

a For sweet corn "Other States" include: Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Virginia, Washington, and Wyoming. For tomatoes "Other States" include: Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Texas, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

* Less than 8-year average.

State	Cabbage for Kraut			Cucumbers for Pickles		
	8-yr. av. July 15, 1926-1933	July 15, 1934	July 15, 1935	7-yr. av. July 15, 1926-1932	July 15, 1934	July 15, 1935
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Massachusetts .....	..	..	..	..	80	80
New York	82	80	92	80	75	92
Ohio	81	75	92	79	72	77
Indiana	* 86	80	90	83	92	82
Illinois	86	70	85	78	81	75
Michigan	90	72	95	82	87	74
Wisconsin	84	80	84	82	85	74
Minnesota	82	66	75	81	85	75
Iowa .....	..	..	..	* 85	78	85
Missouri .....	..	..	..	79	60	90
Maryland .....	..	..	..	* 80	90	93
Virginia .....	..	..	..	* 70	78	80
Mississippi .....	..	..	..	* 67	80	95
Louisiana .....	..	..	..	* 62	35	85
Texas .....	..	..	..	* 75	50	75
Colorado	81	90	90	83	90	83
Washington	* 87	81	84	80	88	79
Oregon .....	..	..	..	* 88	90	84
California .....	..	..	..	86	90	90
Other States a	79	81	84	75	81	75
U. S. Average	82.9	78.3	88.4	80.3	82.7	79.0

a "Other States" for cabbage for kraut include: Iowa, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Utah, and Virginia. "Other States" for cucumbers for pickles include: Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Kentucky, Maine, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and South Dakota.

* Short-time average.

Forecast of Production of Peas for Canning

On July 26th the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture, issued the following report showing acreage and forecast of production of peas for 1935 with comparisons:

Indications of July 15 on the probable production of green peas for manufacture point to a production about equal to the total forecast of July 1, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. A total production of 267,440 tons for the United States is forecast.

A decline of about 3,000 tons in probable production for Illinois is largely offset by increases in Colorado, Utah, and Oregon. No changes are indicated for Wisconsin, Minnesota, and New York.

Should the July 15 indicated production of 267,440 tons materialize, it is probable that the 1935 pack would not vary greatly from a total of 25,000,000 equivalent cases of 24 No. 2 cans. In 1934 the pack totaled 15,742,000 cases; for the 5 years previous it averaged 16,422,000 cases and for the 10 years previous it averaged 16,283,000 cases.

State	Acreage			Yield per Acre			Production		
	5-year average 1929-33	1934	1935	5-year average 1929-33	1934	1935	5-year average 1929-33	1934	1935
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>*Lbs.</i>	<i>*Lbs.</i>	<i>*Lbs.</i>	<i>*Tons</i>	<i>*Tons</i>	<i>*Tons</i>
Me.....	1,350	1,850	2,340	1,770	2,520	1,900	1,200	2,330	2,220
N. Y.....	30,330	32,600	32,400	1,340	830	1,400	20,960	13,530	22,680
Pa.....	1,890	3,000	3,600	1,650	2,000	2,100	1,540	3,000	3,780
Ohio.....	4,670	4,540	5,200	1,100	680	1,700	2,670	1,540	4,420
Ind.....	5,480	6,000	8,100	1,830	870	2,700	5,200	2,610	10,940
Ill.....	14,100	9,000	20,300	1,000	460	1,200	11,100	2,070	12,180
Mich.....	10,570	12,400	15,300	1,120	1,030	1,700	6,280	6,390	13,000
Wis.....	100,800	112,000	129,800	1,380	1,270	1,300	72,400	71,120	84,370
Minn.....	15,760	14,500	23,600	1,420	800	2,100	11,060	5,800	24,780
Del.....	2,570	2,800	3,800	1,320	2,150	2,400	1,730	3,010	4,560
Md.....	12,730	13,500	17,200	1,440	2,200	2,500	9,090	14,850	21,500
Va.....	(b)	4,300	4,300	(b)	2,000	2,900	(b)	4,300	6,240
Mont.....	2,930	2,100	2,700	2,290	2,500	2,200	3,310	2,620	2,970
Colo.....	3,140	3,480	4,000	1,600	1,970	1,800	2,530	3,430	3,600
Utah.....	9,550	10,500	12,300	2,240	2,100	3,000	10,920	11,020	18,450
Wash.....	2,430	6,500	15,000	2,350	2,060	2,000	2,940	6,700	15,000
Ore.....	(b)	3,050	6,000	(b)	1,800	1,550	(b)	2,740	4,650
Other States a	7,350	7,460	14,680	1,860	2,113	1,649	6,980	7,880	12,100
U.S. Total	225,650	249,580	320,620	1,480	1,322	1,668	109,920	164,940	267,440

a "Other States" include: California, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, New Jersey, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Oregon (prior to 1934), Tennessee, Virginia (prior to 1934), and Wyoming.

b Included in "Other States."

* Shelled.

Production and Stocks of Canned Milk

	1935	1934	Change
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
Manufacturers' stocks (case goods) July 1:			
Evaporated (34 firms).....	283,429,067	251,809,360	+86.59
Condensed (8 firms).....	16,511,339	13,912,453	+18.68
Total production, June:			
Evaporated (34 firms).....	250,600,953	195,820,973	+27.97
Condensed (7 firms).....	4,602,963	5,933,404	-22.42

Official Standards for Beans

Revised official standards for beans, effective August 1, have been announced by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, from which Bureau copies may be ob-

tained. These revised official standards include the provisions of an amendment effective November 1, 1934, relating largely to beans produced in California, with minor changes. Most of the changes are in the nature of refinements which reflect local problems in producing and preparing beans for market while others serve to broaden the application and use of the standards in the marketing of beans.

Forecast of Production of Snap Beans for Canning

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture, on July 25th issued the following report showing acreage and forecast of production of snap beans for 1935 with comparisons:

During the first half of July prospective production of snap beans for manufacture declined less than 2 per cent. According to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, the July 15 condition of the crop, indicates a total production of 82,330 tons for 1935, compared with 66,100 tons produced in 1934, and with a 5-year average (1929-1933) of 71,100 tons. The indicated yield per acre is 28 per cent greater than the 5-year average yield.

State	Acreage			Yield per Acre			Production		
	5-year average 1929-33	Har- vested 1934	Plant- ed 1935	5-year average 1929-33	1934	1935 Indi- cated	5-year average 1929-33	1934	1935 Indi- cated
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons
Maine.....	920	870	980	2.5	2.6	2.5	2,300	2,300	2,400
New York...	7,890	6,800	7,740	1.6	1.8	1.8	12,000	12,200	13,900
Pa.....	2,760	1,900	1,630	1.2	1.3	1.3	3,200	2,500	2,100
Ind.....	2,880	3,100	3,500	.8	1.1	1.4	2,300	3,400	4,900
Mich.....	4,800	3,900	4,700	1.1	1.5	1.5	5,100	5,800	7,000
Wis.....	6,300	5,600	6,500	1.3	1.4	1.3	7,800	7,800	8,400
Del.....	1,530	1,000	900	1.1	1.2	1.4	1,600	1,200	1,300
Md.....	8,060	10,500	9,450	1.3	1.0	1.3	10,100	10,500	12,300
S. Car.....	870	200	200	.9	1.0	.8	900	200	200
Tenn.....	1,850	1,240	1,160	1.0	1.0	1.2	1,900	1,200	1,400
Miss.....	2,320	1,400	1,540	.8	.8	1.2	2,000	1,100	1,800
Ark.....	2,450	1,000	1,800	.8	1.8	1.0	1,900	1,800	1,800
La.....	1,750	540	540	1.0	1.0	1.2	1,600	500	600
Colo.....	1,450	850	1,230	2.9	1.3	2.5	4,400	1,100	3,100
Utah.....	680	480	600	2.8	2.7	2.9	1,800	1,300	1,700
Wash.....	540	400	760	3.9	4.2	4.2	1,900	1,700	3,200
Ore.....	560	900	1,160	4.2	4.8	4.8	2,100	4,300	5,600
Calif.....	590	430	650	3.5	5.0	4.8	2,000	2,200	3,100
Other States a...	5,530	3,900	5,470	1.2	1.2	1.4	6,200	5,000	7,530

U. S. Total.. 53,730 45,100 50,510 1.35 1.47 1.63 71,100 66,100 82,330

a "Other States" include, Alabama, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia and Wyoming.

London Canned Fruit Market in June

Arrivals of canned fruits in the five weeks ended June 29 increased by 24 per cent in comparison with the previous five weeks, according to a report received by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Department of Commerce, and issued by the Imperial Economic Committee. Amongst the principal varieties apricots, peaches, pines and grapefruit were mainly responsible for the increase, while pears and fruit salad declined. As compared with the corresponding weeks last year the total decreased by 10,000 cases, but pineapples and fruit salad were the only principal varieties which were in shorter supply.

The London spot market for Australian canned fruit showed moderate demand at firm rates throughout June, with the exception of a quiet period immediately following Whitsun. Further small quantities, mainly drawn from the domestic market, were offered for shipment and readily placed. California fruits were in moderate request. Supplies were somewhat short and prices were well maintained. The forward market was fairly active but interest centered on the new pack prices. These were named by only a few canners, and buyers preferred to wait for announcements by the larger concerns. Some business, however, was done in peaches, pears and loganberries. Singapore pines were in strong demand with short supply, and prices advanced slightly about the middle of the month. The forward market was active and prices tended to increase. Golden pines in particular were not readily available and were firmly held by canners.

Comparatively little activity took place on the California market for canned fruits during the first half of June. The passing of the N. R. A. did not result in any general downward trend in prices. Pears and peaches for shipment were, however, somewhat easier. Some offerings of new pack fruits were reported, and early quotations for apricots were made on a basis of 1.75 dollars for No. 2½ choice and 1.50 dollars for standards. Inquiry for No. 10 fruits was active.

Fruit and Vegetable Market Competition

CARLOT SHIPMENTS AS REPORTED BY THE BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS,
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity	Week ending July 20		Week ending July 13	Total for season through July 20	
	1934	1935	1935	1934	1935
Vegetables:					
Beans, snap and lima.....	17	17	30	12,203	9,324
Tomatoes	3,772	3,763	902	53,920	40,118
Green peas	65	163	174	4,715	4,955
Spinach	2	3	6	7,696	5,465
All other vegetables:					
Domestic competing directly	1,606	1,874	2,224	114,243	103,040
Fruits:					
Citrus, domestic	1,845	2,692	2,166	108,746	125,840
Imports	13	25	14	861	429
Others, domestic	4,348	3,671	3,044	29,930	21,158

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